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1. OMAN DEFENSE DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF FONMIN'S
DECISION THAT BOTH AMMUNITION AND WEAPONS SHOULD
BE SHIPPED VIA U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT IF AT ALL
POSSIBLE. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT AGREES, REALIZES
THAT EXTRA COSTS WILL BE INC-
URRED, AND RECOG-
NIZES (ORALLY) THAT USG WILL NOT BE PARTY TO ANY
CONCEIVABLY DISPUTES CONCERNING PAYMENT OF FEES TO
KENDALL, ET AB.

2. BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE
MADE AS NOW PROPOSED, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE AN-
SWERS/CONFIRMATION RE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. WILL ITINERARY REMAIN AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED?
IT OCCURS TO US THAT EGYPTIANS MIGHT BE SENSITIVE

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TO LANDING OF U.S.MILITARY AIRCRAFT. IF SO,

BRITISH HERE SUGGEST THAT U.K. BASE ON CYPRUS MIGHT
BE EASILY- ARRANGED ALTERNATIVE.

B. DOES USG ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR
ARRANGING OVERFLIGHT/LANDING CLEARANCE (REFER-
ENCED TELCON) EXTEND TO THOSE INVOLVING SAUDI
ARABIA, QATAR AND UAE (WHICH WERE BEING WORKED
ON FROM THIS END BY OMANI FONMIN)?

C. WILL WE NEED REVISED LOA TO COVER SHIPMENT BY
U.S.MILITARY OF ENTIRE ORDER? IF SO, CAN THIS
BE SIGNED EX POST FACTO? DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFI-
CIALS HERE ARE WILLING TO ISSUE IRREVOCABLE LETTER
OF CREDIT OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION AS MAY BE NECES-
SARY.

D. INFORMATION ON TIMING AND REVISED COSTS PAY-
ABLE TO USG ARE OF VITAL INTEREST.
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